COMMUNITY WELLBEING
FROM THE GROUND UP
A YAWURU EXAMPLE

PROGRAM
Friday 12 August 2016
from 11:30am to 2:00pm
Civic Centre,
27 Weld Street, Broome, WA
The Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre is an independent economic and social research organisation located within the Curtin Business School at Curtin University. The Centre was established in 2012 through the generous support from Bankwest (a division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia), with a core mission to examine the key economic and social policy issues that contribute to the sustainability of Western Australia and the wellbeing of WA households.

The Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR) undertakes high-quality, independent research to further the social and economic development and empowerment of Indigenous people throughout Australia. For more than 20 years, CAEPR has aimed to combine academic and teaching excellence on Indigenous economic and social development and public policy with realism, objectivity and relevance.

CAEPR is located within the Research School of Social Sciences in the College of Arts and Social Sciences at the Australian National University (ANU). The Centre is funded from a variety of sources, including ANU; the Australian Research Council; industry and philanthropic partners; the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; and the Australian, state and territory governments.
ABOUT THE KIMBERLEY INSTITUTE

The Kimberley Institute Limited is based in Broome Western Australia and is a not-for-profit organisation limited by guarantee. As an independent, social innovation establishment, The Kimberley Institute is contributing to the vision of building an inclusive regional society; and transforming the relationship between the people of the Kimberley and the Australian nation.

ABOUT NYAMBA BURU YAWURU

Nyamba Buru Yawuru Ltd is a not for profit company wholly owned by the Yawuru Native Title Holders Corporation. It was established in 2009 as a critical part of Yawuru governance following the determination of Yawuru Native Title rights in 2006. NBY was established to hold funds and property from the Yawuru Native Title global agreement that was negotiated between Yawuru, the Western Australian Government and the Shire of Broome in 2010. Its role is to pursue the strategic objectives of the Yawuru Corporate Group with respect to protecting and enhancing Yawuru culture and country and advancing the economic and social interests of Yawuru people.

ABOUT NAGULA JARNDU

Nagula Jarndu is a Not for Profit Community Womens’ Social Enterprise based in Broome, established 1987. Specialising in textiles, the organisation provides a gathering place for all Aboriginal women to socialise and participate in further learning to increase their skills to successfully engage and participate in the community and workforce. Nagula Jarndu through its programs, empowers Aboriginal women to enhance their social and economic status.
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Dianne Appleby
Cultural Coordinator

My name is Dianne Appleby, (nee: Edgar) I was born on the West Kimberley coast of Broome WA. I come from the salt water country of the Yawuru and Karajarri people.

I am one of nine children from the descendants of two very respected and prominent elders who has stood the test of time.

They have carried the Lore, Language, Dreamtime Stories and Culture for their people.

Their legacy is highly valued and respected throughout the Kimberley Region and into parts of the Pilbara Region, their tireless work and contribution will live on through their children, and we will maintain the great work for the benefit of all Yawuru and Karajarri future generation.

I am married with three children. As a mother I have spent many years learning and working with my old people, never fading my ties to the strong connection to my cultural beliefs and values. My journey has taken me to many places and as an Indigenous woman who derive from a non-English speaking background it was the vision of my parents to excel in the mainstream world.

They have been my inspiration. My old people lived in a society where lives were challenged, impacted and secrets were untold, the fear and inferiority of displacement from country and placed in a world that has been tormented, abused and forever changing.

As a Karajarri and Yawuru Traditional Owner woman from Broome I have worked the full spectrum of Indigenous Affairs.

In 2010 I embarked on a new career with the Australian oil and gas company Woodside. My role included working at the interface of the regional Indigenous community and Woodside.

I have always presented myself with respect for the people and the environment I work in and remained focus on how I have navigated my career and the importance of maintaining connection to my own culture and identity.

I will share my understanding with you on LIYAN. Liyan comes from the Bugarrigarra – our Dreamtime.

The direction and strength I draw on is from my Liyan and it demonstrates how my character as an Indigenous woman has stood with pride and dignity.

In 2015 the Oil and Gas Company, Woodside made an economic decision to cease work at James Price Point, this decision has created a pathway for me to return to my cultural role and responsibilities and transfer my skills in working with corporate and Indigenous Affairs.

My current employment is at Nyamba Buru Yawuru as the Cultural Coordinator working across the board and liaison with all staff and community members.
LYN YU-MACKAY  
MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Lyn is a Yawuru woman from Broome. Her background includes Human Rights, Indigenous Employment and Small Business, Community Engagement and Native Title.
She is currently Chairperson of Nagula Jarndu, a Not for Profit Community Women’s Social Enterprise based in Broome.
Lyn maintains her *mabu liyan* by participating in yoga, travel and fishing at every opportunity.

KERSTIN ROE  
MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Kerstin is a young Yawuru and Goolarabooloo woman from Broome.
She is very passionate about her culture and heritage and is very proud to be an Aboriginal woman.
Kerstin is a full time receptionist at Waardi Limited, Broome and she also works as a Youth Care Worker with HYPE (Helping Young People Engage) on the weekends.
Kerstin feels that being out on country and in the bush is the best place to be, to make *mabu liyan* strong.
Professor Alan Duncan is Director of the Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre and Bankwest Professor of Economic Policy at Curtin University. Prior to taking up this position in 2012, Alan was Director of the National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling (NATSEM) at the University of Canberra. He was previously a Professor of Economics and Head of School at Nottingham School of Economics, University of Nottingham and has also held positions at the University of York and the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS).

Alan has published widely in both academic and policy outlets, with articles appearing in journals of the highest international reputation, including *Econometrica*, *The Economic Journal*, *European Economic Review*, *Economic Record*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics* and *Fiscal Studies*. His research interests and expertise cover a broad range of topics, including: economic and social policy evaluation; taxation, public finance and public policy; the economics of education, training and childcare; employment and labour market participation; population and workforce dynamics; gender equity and discrimination; housing affordability; migration; income inequality; poverty and wellbeing; statistical simulation; and econometric modelling and forecasting.

Alan was awarded the prestigious Frisch Medal of the Econometric Society in 2000 for a paper published in the world-leading journal, *Econometrica*. He completed a DPhil in Economics at the University of York, and has served on a number of senior advisory panels and boards for government and public sector organisations in the UK, Europe and Australia, advising on areas including tax policy, pensions, labour markets and household welfare. Alan has been invited to give evidence at Federal Senate Committee hearings, and was invited to participate in the 2011 Henry Review of the Australian tax system.
Peter Yu is a Yawuru Man from Broome in the Kimberley region in North West Australia with over 35 years experience in Indigenous development and advocacy in the Kimberley and at the state, national and international level.

Peter was a key negotiator on behalf of the Yawuru Native Title Holders with the Western Australian State Government and Shire of Broome over the landmark 2010 Yawuru Native Title Agreement and is the current Chief Executive Officer of the Yawuru Corporate Group.

He has been an advocate for the social, cultural and economic advancement and well-being of Kimberley and other Aboriginal communities for his entire career. Over this period he has been instrumental in the development of many community-based organisations and initiatives which have had an enduring influence on the Kimberley region in particular.

He was Executive Director of the Kimberley Land Council during the 1990s and had a national leadership role negotiating the Federal Government’s response to the 1992 Mabo High Court judgement on Native Title.

Peter’s former roles include Deputy Chair of the Indigenous Land Corporation, Chair of the WA Aboriginal Housing Board, a member of the Board of the WA Museum, the National Museum of Australia Board where he led the recent British Museum and NMA exhibitions of Australian Indigenous cultural objects.

He is currently a Board Member of the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance Ltd (NAILSMA Ltd), Deputy Chair of the AFL Aboriginal Advisory Committee, Deputy Chair of Broome Future Ltd, and was recently invited to be a Council Member of the Governing Board of the Australian National University.
Mandy Yap
Lead Investigator, Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, ANU

Mandy Yap is currently completing her doctoral research at the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR) at the Australian National University. Mandy’s research develops culture and gender sensitive indicators of well-being working with the Yawuru in Broome, Western Australia. Mandy joined CAEPR as a Research Officer in 2007 and is part of a team working on a range of issues relating to Indigenous populations and social and economic circumstance.

Prior to joining ANU, she worked at the National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling (NATSEM). As a researcher, Mandy has worked on a range of issues including social exclusion, ageing, diabetes modelling, women and fertility, income distribution and Australia’s Indigenous peoples socioeconomic outcomes. Her research interest includes the role of gender equality in Indigenous development and the methodologies around constructing indicators of quality of life and wellbeing.

Eunice Yu
Co-Lead Investigator, The Kimberley Institute

Eunice Yu is a Yawuru woman from Broome area. She is presently employed by Kimberley Institute in Broome working to facilitate change through strategic research and innovative policy development; prior to this Ms Yu worked for the Australian Government in various administrative and managerial positions for 28 years, all based in Broome.

Ms Yu has lengthy experience and involvement at a community level. She is currently involved with local community organisations as a volunteer in the areas of culture, sport and previously education, child care and youth. She is serving a term as Board Member of the Kimberley Development Commission and sits on the Round Table for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statistics with the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the IPSOS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group.
**DR KIM ISAACS**  
**BROOME REGIONAL ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE**

Dr Kim Isaacs is a Yawuru, Karajarri and Noongar woman. She is currently a GP practising at the Broome Regional Aboriginal Medical Service. Kim graduated from the University of Western Australia medical school in 2007 and also holds a Bachelor of Commerce.

Kim previously held medical roles at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Royal Perth Hospital, Princess Margaret Hospital, Broome Hospital and Alice Springs Hospital.

Kim has a special interest in child health and development, child protection issues, mental health and trauma healing and Indigenous health service delivery.

Kim is a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and Alumni of the Fellowship Australian Rural Leadership Foundation. Her other roles include Aboriginal health lecturer at Notre Dame University and Board Director for the Western Australia Country Health Service.

**TIM MARNEY**  
**WEST AUSTRALIAN MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONER**

Tim Marney was appointed as the West Australian Mental Health Commissioner in February 2014. Following the amalgamation of the Drug and Alcohol office and the Mental Health Commission on 1 July 2015, Mr Marney is responsible for planning and purchasing the State’s mental health services, as well as planning, purchasing and delivery of alcohol and other drug services.

Mr Marney has been instrumental in the development of the *Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Services Plan 2015-2025*, which maps out the optimal mix of contemporary and high quality services for Western Australians over the next 10 years.

A graduate of Murdoch University, Mr Marney has more than 20 years of experience in economics and finance with the State and Federal Governments. He joined the Western Australian Department of Treasury in 1993, where he held the position of Under Treasurer of Western Australia from 2005 to 2014.

In his role as Under Treasurer, Mr Marney gained an in-depth understanding of the health system and health reform initiatives. He also had responsibility for the State Government’s procurement agency, led the Government’s Economic Audit and subsequent reform of non-government service delivery.

Since 2008 Mr Marney has served on the board of beyondblue, a national depression and anxiety initiative, and has been deputy chair of the board since 2010.
SENATOR PATRICK DODSON
SENATOR FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Patrick Dodson is a Yawuru man from Broome in Western Australia. He has dedicated his life work to being an advocate for constructive relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples based on mutual respect, understanding and dialogue. He is a recipient of the Sydney International Peace prize.

Patrick has extensive experience in Aboriginal Affairs, previously as Director of the Central and Kimberley Land Councils and as a Commissioner in the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. He also served as inaugural Chair of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation and as Co-Chair of the Expert Panel for Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Australians. Patrick is Patron of Marrugeku.

Prior to his endorsement by the Australian Labor Party as a Western Australian Senator in March 2016, Patrick was a member of the ANU Council, Adjunct Professor at the University of Notre Dame (Broome) and Co-Chair of the National Referendum Council.

Patrick was endorsed as a Senator for Western Australia on 2 May 2016.

CRAIG SPENCER
HEAD OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, BANKWEST

Craig is currently the Head of Community Engagement for Bankwest, and leads the Bankwest Community Engagement programs that span volunteering, community sponsorship and strategic partnerships such as the Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre. Craig is also the Executive Manager of the Bankwest Foundation.

Craig is Chairman of Volunteering WA, the peak body for volunteering in Western Australia, a board member of the WA Youth Justice Board, and also a community representative on the Bindoon Primary School Board. He is a fellow of Leadership WA, a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors since 2006 and a graduate member of the Governance Institute of Australia.

Craig has a long term interest in community service, being an emergency services volunteer for over 17 years with both the NSW State Emergency Service and now with the WA Volunteer Bushfire Service. Craig led rescue teams and was formally recognised for his involvement in the 1989 Newcastle earthquake, 1994 Sydney bushfires and 1997 Thredbo landslide as well as numerous bushfire.

Craig is father to two wonderful young men aged 15 and 19 and spends a considerable amount of time tending to an orchard on his property at Bindoon as a great counterbalance to his day job.
ABOUT THE ARTISTS

AUNTY CISSY DJIAGWEEN

Aunty Cissy is an esteemed Yawuru Elder. She has been a long-standing member of Nagula Jarndu and continues to regularly attend art classes and workshops to develop her skills as an artist.

She is influenced by the abundance of Broome’s native flora.

Cissy has been to the Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair to represent Nagula Jarndu 2015/2016, and has participated in various exhibitions to date including: 2016 Berndt Museum UWA WA; 2016 Cairns Regional Gallery QLD’ 2015 Tarnanthi Textiles SA’ 2015 Shinju Matsuri Art Prize Broome; 2014 Broome Community Recovery Centre; 2014 Broome Civic Centre as part of Nagula Jarndu artists.

MAXINE CHARLIE

Maxine is a Yawuru woman from Broome. She moved to Geraldton in 1993 and discovered her love for art; she lived there for 7 years and returned to her home town of Broome. She is now one of the Yawuru artists working at the Mabu Yawuru Ngan-ga Language Resource Centre in Broome.

Maxine has since taken up one of her biggest roles as one of four Aboriginal Language Teachers training to teach the Yawuru language in the primary schools in Broome which gives her much joy. She loves teaching the children and learning the Yawuru language.

Maxine’s current body of work is mostly block printing and lino printing on paper and fabric. Her motifs are based on the crocodile and the textured markings of the croc skin. Maxine has been known to call herself ‘Mrs Dundee’!

She has exhibited many times including and has been several times to the Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair to represent Nagula Jarndu. She is on the Nagula Jarndu and ANKAAA Board of Directors.
MARTHA LEE

Martha Lee is a Yawuru and Karrijarri woman from Broome in the Kimberley. In 2005/6 she started doing her art at Yawuru Jarndu Resource Centre where her love for art began.

She now works at Mabu Ngan-ga Language Resource Centre as an Artist and Illustrator for children’s books and resources for the Yawuru Language Centre. Her passion is to learn Yawuru language and to produce more children’s books for the schools for counting, land, sea, country, kinship and Dreamtime stories.

Martha is on the Board of Directors of Nagula Jarndu.

Martha’s personal art practice now consists of a variety of printing techniques including block printing and lino printing on paper and fabric. The country and colours around Broome offer Martha lots of inspiration. She is a keen fisherwoman and often depicts motifs from the ocean and the swirling tides and sand.

LORRAINE HUNTER

Lorraine is a Yawuru woman and spent her childhood travelling between Derby and Broome. She now lives permanently in Broome.

She has been working with Nagula Jarndu for several years, having studied at art school in the past.

Lorraine has participated in numerous exhibitions including Berndt Museum UWA WA 2016 Cairns Regional Gallery QLD; 2016 Tarnanthi Textiles SA; 2015 Shinju Matsuri Art Prize Broome 2015; Broome Community Recovery Centre; and 2014 Broome Civic Centre as part of Nagula Jarndu artists 2014. Lorraine has also been several times to the Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair to represent Nagula Jarndu.

ALLANA GIDAWUNJUN SLOCKEE

Allana is of Baniol, Yawuru, Yuin, Gumbaynggirr, Butchella and Minjungbal decent. Allana was born in Batemans Bay and was raised and currently resides in Broome Town.

She sources inspiration for her art work from her coastal heritage from the west and east coasts of Australia, from the native flora and the saltwater from her grandfather’s country, Broome and Nyilil (Rumble Bay).

Allana has exhibited earlier paintings in group exhibitions.